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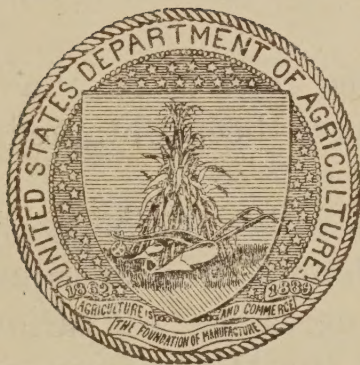
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

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SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for publication an Index of the Legislative History of Acts of Congress Involving the United States Department of Agriculture, including those passed by the Sixty-first Congress and the annual appropriation acts for the Department of Agriculture beginning with the act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, which has been prepared, under my direction, by Mr. Otis H. Gates, of this office. The work consists of references to pages of the Congressional Record, and to committee reports, on the proceedings relating to the various acts, while pending as bills in both houses of Congress, from their introduction until they were finally passed upon. The popular designation of the acts is indicated in each case in which an act has such a designation.

To facilitate reference a detailed topical index to provisions of the various acts included in the work, alphabetically arranged, is appended.

Copies of the committee reports on the various bills which are referred to in the work have been obtained and are on file in this office for reference.

The preparation of this index was suggested by the necessity in this office for frequent reference to proceedings in Congress in ascertaining the intent of Congress as to various statutory provisions pertaining to the work of the Department of Agriculture, as an aid to the construction and interpretation of the same; and the object of the index is to afford a convenient and ready means of such reference. This index, while prepared primarily for the use of this office and other offices and bureaus of the department, will probably be of service also to United States attorneys, attorneys at law, and others who may desire to investigate the history of the statutory provisions covered by the index.

Respectfully,

GEO. P. McCABE,
Solicitor.

Hon. JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

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